In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (original) An article comprising:

a spreader including a sealed container forming a blade at one end and having a dispensing opening suitable for dispensing paste material from the container onto the blade and still further including a docking structure remote from the blade, the sealed container being adapted to be filled with the paste material and for dispensing the paste material therefrom; and

a removable plug shaped to sealingly engage the dispensing opening to preserve the paste material for later use, and further shaped to engage the docking structure for storage while the article is being used to apply and spread the paste material with the blade.

2. (original) The article defined in claim 1, wherein the docking structure for the plug is located at an end opposite the blade.

3. (original) The article defined in claim 2, wherein the docking structure includes a second hole that is slightly larger than the dispensing opening.

4. (original) The article defined in claim 2, wherein the second hole includes side notches to facilitate receipt of a "J" hook for merchandising displays.

5. (original) The article defined in claim 1, wherein the spreader includes at least one side that is deformable and collapsible.

6. (original) The article defined in claim 1, wherein the spreader includes a deformable sheet of material forming a blister-like, deformable side of the container.

7. (original) The article defined in claim 6, wherein the spreader includes a relatively

resilient sheet forming a second side of the container and also forming the blade.

Claims 8 through 19. Canceled.

20. (currently amended) An article comprising:

a spreader including a preformed resilient sheet component and a preformed deformable sheet component bonded together and shaped to form a blister-shaped sealed container with a cavity therebetween, the sealed container being airtight and water-tight and adapted to contain spackling material; the resilient sheet component forming a blade at one end suitable for spreading the spackling material and forming an opening at the one end for dispensing the spackling material onto the blade, the resilient sheet including at least two ribs that extend toward the blade for stiffening the blade; and

a removable moisture-resistant adhesive seal sealingly covering the opening.

21. (original) The article defined in claim 20, including a removable, resilient plug shaped to sealingly engage and close the opening.

22. (original) The article defined in claim 21, including a docking station similarly shaped like the opening that is located away from the blade and opening, so that the plug can be held on the spreader without interfering with dispensing spackling material onto the blade and without interfering with using the article including the blade.

23. (original) The article defined in claim 22, wherein the docking station is located at an end opposite the blade and comprises a docking hole.

24. (original) The article defined in claim 20, wherein the resilient sheet component is at least 0.030 inches thick and the deformable sheet component is between 0.010 and 0.030 inches thick.

Claim 25 is canceled.

26. (currently amended) The article defined in claim 20, wherein the at least two ribs extend parallel each other.

27. (currently amended) An article comprising:

a resilient sheet component and a deformable sheet component bonded together to form a blister-shaped container, the resilient sheet having an enlarged blade formed at a blade end and a dispenser hole also formed at the blade end for dispensing material from the container onto the blade and further having an air bleed hole remote from the dispenser hole for facilitating filling of the container;

at least one removable sealing member sealingly covering the dispenser hole; and

at least one second sealing member sealingly covering the air bleed hole to maintain an airtight moisture-resistant seal of the container.

28. (original) The article defined in claim 27, wherein the resilient sheet component includes an opposite end that is positioned opposite the blade end and that includes a holder hole.

29. (original) The article defined in claim 27, wherein the resilient sheet component is a rigid PVC material and the deformable sheet component is a flexible PVC material bonded together along a continuous uninterrupted bond line.

30. (original) The article defined in claim 27, including a plug shaped to fit sealingly into the dispenser hole to maintain an airtight seal of the container, and shaped to fit into a holder hole in the resilient sheet component for secure storage while using the article to spread a substance dispensed from the container.

31. (currently amended) An article comprising:

a first preformed component made from a ~~resilient~~ first sheet of ~~rigid PVC~~ resilient material having a relatively constant wall thickness and a second preformed component made from a deformable sheet of flexible ~~PVC~~ material bonded together along a continuous bond line and shaped to form an airtight blister-shaped sealed container therebetween, the second preformed component having a perimeter flange bonded to the first preformed component and the first preformed component including first ribs extending ~~parallel~~ along a portion of the perimeter flange to assist in locating the resilient and deformable sheets together during a bonding process; the first preformed component including an enlarged end forming a blade ~~and further including second ribs extending onto the enlarged end to stiffen the blade for improved control when using the blade and to permit a thinner material to be used for the resilient sheet~~; and

paste material sensitive to drying from exposure to atmosphere ~~fills~~ filling the container~~;~~.

~~the resilient sheet including a dispenser opening in the enlarged end for dispensing the paste material from the container onto the enlarged end, and including a docking station remote from the enlarged end and shaped to simulate the dispenser opening and that is located remotely from the enlarged end and the opening, so that a plug for the opening can be held on the spreader without interfering with dispensing paste material onto the enlarged end and without interfering with using the enlarged end to spread the paste material.~~

Claims 32-33 are canceled.

34. (currently amended) A method comprising steps of:

forming a first sheet section of flexible ~~PVC~~ material, including a perimeter flange;

forming a second sheet section of ~~rigid PVC~~ resilient material, one of the first and second sheet sections having a dispenser opening and an air bleed hole spaced from the dispenser opening; ~~and~~

bonding the perimeter flange of the flexible ~~PVC~~ material to the ~~rigid PVC~~ resilient

material with a continuous bond to form a blister package with a cavity;

filling the cavity with a paste through the dispenser opening while bleeding air through the air bleed hole; and

sealing the dispenser opening and the air bleed hole to prevent the paste from drying.

35. (original) The method defined in claim 34, wherein the step of bonding includes RF welding.

Claims 36-37 are canceled.

38. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 34, including forming embossed ribs in the ~~rigid PVC~~ resilient material.

Claims 39-42 are canceled.

43. (currently amended) An article comprising:

a preformed first component made from a flexible thermoplastic polymer and having a continuous perimeter flange;

a preformed second component made from a ~~rigid~~ resilient thermoplastic polymer with a blade edge and a dispensing hole formed on one end and an air bleed hole; and

the perimeter flange being bonded to the second component ~~with~~ to define a cavity and having a portion of the perimeter flange extending between the blade edge and the dispensing hole;

a paste material filling the cavity, the paste material being sensitive to drying out and clumping; and

a seal covering at least the air bleed hole.

44. (currently amended) The article defined in claim 43, wherein the flexible and ~~rigid~~ resilient thermoplastic polymers are flexible and rigid PVC sheet materials, respectively.

45. (new) The article defined in claim 31, wherein the resilient sheet includes a dispenser opening in the enlarged end for dispensing the paste material from the container onto the enlarged end.

46. (new) The article defined in claim 45, wherein the resilient sheet includes a docking station remote from the enlarged end and shaped to simulate the dispenser opening and that is located remotely from the enlarged end and the opening, so that a plug for the opening can be held on the spreader without interfering with dispensing paste material onto the enlarged end and without interfering with using the enlarged end to spread the paste material.

47. (new) The article defined in claim 45, including an adhesive moisture-resistant removable seal covering the dispenser opening.

48. (new) The article defined in claim 45, including an air bleed hole spaced from the dispenser opening, the air bleed hole being positioned to facilitate filling the container with material, and a seal sealingly closing the air bleed hole.

49. (new) The article defined in claim 31, wherein the first preformed component includes second ribs extending onto the enlarged end to stiffen the blade and to permit thinner material to be used for the first sheet.

50. The method defined in claim 34, wherein the flexible and resilient material are PVC materials.